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transfer type or sublimation thermal transfer type. The preserving conditions also depends upon the distribution channel of the recording material. But there is no known technique which allows selection of recording material with distribution channel which does not influence the quality of the recording material.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 9 and 10 as follows:

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There is a cash detector unit 27 and a pick-up camera 28 connected to the host computer 21. The cash detector unit 27 receives insertion of cash, counts the cash as inserted, and also pays out coins to be returned to a customer. The pick-up camera 28 photographs a body of the customer standing in front of the printer in a manner of a portrait. The host computer 21 controls sequential operation including the insertion of the cash and the ejection of print sheets. Upon insertion of the cash, a menu is indicated on the display panel 25. The customer operates the external operation panel 26 according to the menu, selects images to be combined, such as a background image, a foreground image, character images and decorative images, all as additional images 18. See Fig. 3B. The body of the customer being picked up, an image synthesis circuit 24a produces information of a synthesized image to be printed.

Please amend the second full paragraph on page 11 as follows:

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In Fig. 4, the host computer 21, when powered, sends a command signal to the printer unit 22 for reading of the discernment code. In response to this, the code reader 33 is instructed to read the code by sending the command signal from the host computer 21 to the parallel control block 30, the system control block 31 and the printing control block 32 in the printer unit 22.

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The code reader 33 has a photo sensor 33a or a recording material sensor, which optically reads the discernment code, and encodes the same. The predetermined discernment code as read is transferred to the system control block 31, and written to a memory 38. The code is kept stored in the memory 38 before the powering off of the printer.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 11 and 12 as follows:

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Subsequently the host computer 21 effects a start-up operation, and sets the various elements in a ready mode, to stand by for awaiting customers. In the ready mode, the printing sequence and printed samples are indicated sequentially on the display panel. A customer inserts cash or coins of a predetermined amount into the cash detector unit 27, so that the host computer 21 is set to a pick-up mode. In the pick-up mode, the display panel 25 is caused to indicate a sequence of picking up images to be printed and a sequence of image synthesis. The external operation panel 26 is operated by the customer according to the indications, to cause the pick-up and image synthesis. The synthesized image is displayed, and confirmed by the customer's operation at the external operation panel 26. Then the host computer 21 is set in a printing mode. In the printing mode, the host computer 21 transfers a printing command signal and data of an image to be printed to the printer unit 22.

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 12 to 13 as follows:

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If the reference code is not "7h", then the discernment code is read from the memory 38. A recording material dealer code included in the discernment code is obtained, and checked as to whether it coincides with the recording material dealer code in the reference code. If there is

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As coincidence, then the system control block 31 sends a printing command signal to the printing control block 32, and transfers the image data required for being printed. Also the recording material type code, the recording material size code, the printing format code and the like in the discernment code are checked in a manner as to whether the continuous recording sheet 10 satisfies conditions suitable to be used in the printer unit 22. If each of those codes coincide with a relevant part of the reference code, then the printing operation is started. The discernment code of the continuous recording sheet 10 to be used in the printer unit 22 is previously input in the personal computer 24, so that the continuous recording sheet 10 having the coincidence in the discernment code is allowed for use in the printing. The continuous recording sheet 10 supplied by any dealer different from the particular dealer is rejected. Thus the quality in the printing is ensured, as the continuous recording sheet 10 that is different from the standard continuous recording sheet or has been preserved under an unwanted condition is not used.

Please amend the second full paragraph on page 20 as follows:

Ag In the above embodiments, the recording material is a color recording sheet.

Furthermore, the recording material in the present invention may be heat-development transfer type or sublimation thermal transfer type. Any recording material, of which quality is likely to change with time and due to a preserving condition, may be used in the present invention. The recording material may be a sheet for ink-jet printing, or photosensitive material of silver halide photography. For example, a self-processing photo film unit for use with an instant camera may be used.
